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May 2, 2008

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10687223 in the amount of \$88.00 has been denied.

### Notice Regarding Request for Refund of Excess Claims Fees

The Office published a final rule notice to provide that an applicant may request a refund of excess claims fees under 37 CFR 1.117. However, the United States District Court for the Eastern District Court of Virginia issued a decision on April 1, 2008, enjoining the USPTO from implementing the changes in the final rule notice. Therefore, the USPTO currently does not have the authority to act on any request for a refund of excess claims fees for canceled claims under 37 CFR 1.117 and provide any such refund.

Sincerely,  
  
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Attorney Docket No. 110.0010001  
Request for Refund dated October 23, 2007

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| Application No. | : | 10/687,223               | Confirmation No.: | 2931 |
| Applicant       | : | Peter J. Kaehler, et al. |                   |      |
| Filed           | : | October 15, 2003         |                   |      |
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| Examiner        | : | Amber L. Altschul        |                   |      |
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#### **REQUEST FOR REFUND**

To Whom It May Concern:

In a separately filed Preliminary Amendment, Applicant canceled independent claims 13 and 16, as well as dependent claims 14-15, 17-18, 31, and 33-34 to bring the total claim count within 25 claims as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(b)(1). No claims were added. Claims 1-12, 19-30, and 32 are pending in the present application.

As a result, Applicant respectfully requests refund of \$88.00, previously paid as a fee for an excess claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.492. Applicant has included a copy of the check used to make the abovementioned payment to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as a copy of the Patent Application Transmittal indicating the fee for excess claims.

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**CONCLUSION**

Responsible parties are invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612)  
236-0120 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 81.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this  
correspondence is being transmitted to the  
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